

104TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4158

To exclude certain general service wages and hours associated with a separate skilled nursing facility owned by certain hospitals in determining a hospital's eligibility for continued geographic reclassification under the Medicare program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 24, 1996

Mr. RAMSTAD (for himself and Mr. MINGE) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. EXCLUDING GENERAL SERVICE WAGES AND**
2 **HOURS ASSOCIATED WITH A SEPARATE**
3 **SKILLED NURSING FACILITY IN DETERMIN-**
4 **ING MEDICARE GEOGRAPHIC RECLASSIFICA-**
5 **TION OF CERTAIN HOSPITALS.**

6 In the case of a hospital that is owned by a munici-
7 pality and that has been reclassified as an urban hospital
8 under section 1886(d)(10) of the Social Security Act for
9 fiscal year 1996, in calculating the hospital's average
10 hourly wage for purposes of continued geographic reclassi-
11 fication under such section for subsequent fiscal years, the
12 Secretary of Health and Human Services shall exclude the
13 general service wages and hours of personnel associated
14 with a skilled nursing facility that is owned by the hospital
15 or the same municipality and that is physically separated
16 from the hospital to the extent that such wages and hours
17 of such personnel are not shared with the hospital and
18 are separately documented.

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